



Activities Calendar — June - November, 2004



A Slower Pace

Biscayne National Park offers a variety of boat trips, ranger presentations and special events to help you gain an appreciation for this unique place. Summer and fall are generally the best time of year to visit the Park’s reefs and boat on its waters. Although weekends can be quite busy, weekdays often provide an opportunity to have parts of the park all to yourself. Take time to soak in the view from the front porch of the visitor center, admire the art in the Dante Fascell Visitor Center gallery, float above a coral garden, or enjoy a family picnic by the water. A complete, up-to-the-minute calendar of events is available by clicking the “Activities Calendar” link on the Park’s website: www.nps.gov/bisc/

Boat Trips

Ninety-five percent of Biscayne National Park is covered by water, and a boat trip is the best way to see it. The park’s concessioner offers a variety of trips. All departures are weather dependent and subject to passenger minimums. *Call 305-230-1100 or email Dive970@aol.com for information and reservations.*

Glass Bottom Boat

10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Daily

Visiting the reefs and islands of Biscayne National Park is a highlight of any visit. Calm seas will allow you to view the spectacular underwater world of the coral reef, while windy days afford an opportunity to explore the northernmost Florida Keys on foot. Fees are \$24.45 for adults, \$19.45 for seniors, and \$16.45 for kids under 12, plus tax.

Snorkeling Trip

1:15 to 4:30 p.m. Daily

One of the best ways to appreciate the beauty of the park is by snorkeling in Biscayne Bay or on the coral reefs offshore. Fee, which includes equipment rental, is \$35.00 per person, plus tax.

Scuba Diving

8:30 a.m. Saturdays & Sundays

Certified divers can discover the wonder and pristine beauty of South Florida’s living coral reefs up close and personal. A two-tank dive is \$54.00, plus tax. Fee includes weights, but additional equipment rental is extra.

Night Dives

July 17, August 21, September 11, October 16, November 13

When the sun goes down, hard corals extend their tentacles to feed, basket stars unfurl their arms at the tops of sea rods, and parrotfish wrap themselves in mucous cocoons. See what’s happening on the night shift on these special monthly dives. A one tank dive (including weights) is \$42.95, plus tax, and departs one hour prior to sunset. Reserve early for the August coral spawning.

Talks, Walks and Art

Ranger’s Choice



Call ahead for days, times and topics

Mangroves and corals, turtles and manatees, pirates and pioneers — all are a part of Biscayne’s story. From porch talks to short walks, learn about Biscayne’s diverse resources with a park ranger or volunteer. Programs range from 20 minutes to an hour. Meet on the front porch of the Dante Fascell Visitor Center.

Art Exhibits

9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Daily

Artists have always played a crucial role in increasing awareness and inspiring stewardship of National Parks. Changing exhibits in the Dante Fascell Visitor Center Gallery highlight the work of artists who continue that long tradition. Details of this season’s exhibits, sponsored by the South Florida National Parks Trust, are on back.

June	<p>Father’s Day Boat Trip Did you know that it’s the male spotted sandpiper that builds the nest and incubates the eggs? Or that it is the male seahorse that gives birth? Learn these facts and more on a special Father’s Day boat trip to the park’s coral reefs or islands. Dad rides free when Mom or the kids come along at the regular price (\$24.45 for adults or \$16.45 for kids under 12). Reservations required – call 305-230-1100 or email Dive970@aol.com for more details.</p> <p>Brush, Pen and Camera: Impressions of Biscayne by the Homestead Art Club Works in a variety of media by both established and emerging artists highlight the natural and human history of Biscayne National Park.</p>	<p>Sunday, June 20 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.</p> <p>Daily through July 28 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.</p> <p>“Meet the Artists” Reception June 13, 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.</p>
<div> <div>July</div>  </div>	<p>The Great Annual Fish Count Divers and snorkelers are invited to join REEF (Reef Environmental Education Foundation) and park staff in conducting fish population surveys. A morning fish identification seminar will be followed by a specially-priced two tank afternoon dive trip to practice newfound skills. The two-part registration process includes online registration at www.fishcount.org and dive/snorkel trip sign-up with the park’s concessioner at 305-230-1100, or by email at Dive970@aol.com. Cost is \$35 for divers and \$25 for snorkelers.</p> <p>Biscayne Botanicals: Oil Paintings by Patricia Rottino Cummins The stunning beauty of Biscayne’s diverse flora blooms in this exhibit created especially for the Dante Fascell Visitor Center Gallery.</p>	<p>Saturday, July 17 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.</p> <p>Sunday, July 18 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (Overflow day — offered only if July 17 fills up)</p> <div>  </div> <p>July 30 – November 7 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Daily</p> <p>“Meet the Artist” Reception July 30, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.</p>
August	<p>National Park Service Founders Day National Parks have been called “the best idea America ever had.” On August 25, 1916, the National Park Service was established to protect some of this nation’s greatest treasures. Celebrate our 88th birthday by taking a closer look at these special places with hands-on activities for kids of all ages in the <i>Think Tank</i> education center.</p>	<p>Sunday, August 29 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.</p>
September	<p>National Parks America Tour and International Coastal Cleanup Celebrate National Public Lands Day by helping to remove some of the many tons of trash that wash onto the Park’s shorelines each year, while at the same time contributing to important research on marine debris by recording what you find. Volunteers will also be involved in a special construction project using recycled plastic lumber. Call 305-230-7275 to register.</p>	<p>Saturday, September 18 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.</p>
November	<p>Living Waters: Photographs of Florida’s Aquatic Preserves by Clyde Butcher In honor of the 30th anniversary of the Biscayne Bay Aquatic Preserve, Biscayne National Park is proud to host this touring exhibition by one of America’s premier landscape photographers.</p>	<p>November 11, 2004 – January 16, 2005 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Daily</p> <p>“Meet the Artist” Reception Date and time to be announced</p>

All activities take place at the Dante Fascell Visitor Center, 9700 SW 328 Street, Homestead. Call 305-230-7275, for more information.